

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks and arguments, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-38, 40-54, 86-94 and 100-105 are currently pending in this application, and the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-38, 40 and 43-54, and his indication that Claim 42 contains patentable subject matter, are noted with appreciation. Claims 41, 86-92, 94 and 100-105 stand finally rejected based on the art applied by the Examiner in his April 5, 2005 Final Office Action.

In an April 14, 2005 telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney of record, the Examiner indicated that if Claim 41 was amended to change "generally tubular" to --hollow cylindrical-- in line 3, and Claims 86 and 100 were amended, at the end of line 4 thereof, to add the phrase --approximately atmospheric pressure being applied to the structure within the well-- (similar to the limitation in allowed Claim 1), this application would be placed in a condition for allowance.

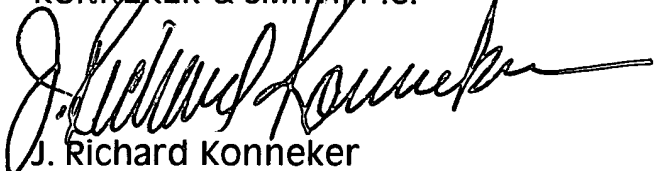
In the foregoing amendment, these examiner-approved revisions have been made to Claims 41, 86 and 100 to thereby overcome the remaining claim rejections in this application. Additionally, in Claims 86 and 100, previously added limitations at the ends thereof have been deleted as being unnecessary to their patentability, and previously withdrawn Claim 93 has been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-38, 40-54, 86-92, 94 and 100-105 remain in this application for consideration and allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendment, remarks and arguments, all of the claims currently pending in this application are now seen to be in a condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance of Claims 1-38, 40-54, 86-92, 94 and 100-105 is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at 972/516-0030 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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